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For: DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

The attached drawings are submitted in accordance with the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed November 14, 2006 (copy attached). Please substitute the attached thirty-four sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1-24 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application. Applicants respectfully submit that all 34 pages were previously submitted, and accepted by, the Patent Office with Applicants' March 29, 2005 Amendment as evidenced by the attached date-stamped filing receipt acknowledging receipt of 34 Replacement Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-24).

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Figures 1-24 (34 sheets)

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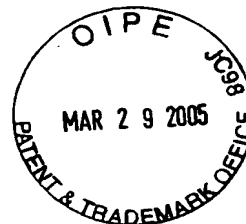
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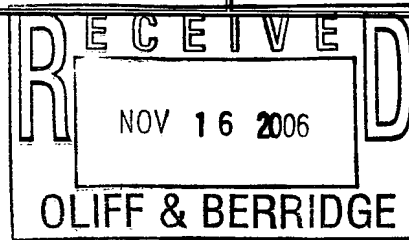


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**Notice Regarding Drawings**

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 03/29/2005, are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.**

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 12/7/06 are:  
A ☒ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.  
B ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

**1. DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PHOTOGRAPHS.** 37 CFR 1.84(b)  
One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)  
Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TYPE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(e)  
Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SIZE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:  
21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or  
21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)  
All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**5. MARGINS.** 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:  
Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm  
Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Top (T) Left (L)  
Right (R) Bottom (B)

**6. VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)  
REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. SECTIONAL VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)  
Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(i)  
Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**9. SCALE.** 37 CFR 1.84(k)  
Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(l)  
Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**11. SHADING.** 37 CFR 1.84(m)  
Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(p)  
Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**13. LEAD LINES.** 37 CFR 1.84(q)  
Lead lines missing. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(t)  
Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(u)  
Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**16. DESIGN DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.152  
Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

Please submit replacement drawing sheet. For Fig. 5A-23b. Fig. 1-4b were provided.

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have questions, call (703) 305-8404.

Date 11/14/06  
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